GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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SPECIAL PLAN FOR KBK DISTRICTS OF ORISSA
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the performance made under the Special Plan for KBK districts of Orissa in the last three years;

(b) whether the Union Government proposes to increase the allocation under the said Scheme/ Plan during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Union Government has identified priority area for allocations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a): The Special Plan for the KBK Districts of Orissa is administered by the Planning Commission. Details of the financial performance of the KBK districts under the Special Plan in the last three years are at Annexe.

(b) & (c): The eight KBK districts were entitled to an annual allocation of Rs. 250 crore during the Tenth Five Year Plan period under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana which has been subsumed into the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme. The same annual allocation has been provided during the Eleventh Five Year Plan,through the two streams of the BRGF, namely (a) the Special Plan of Rs. 130 crore per annum and (b) the districts component of Rs. 120 crore per annum. The Planning Commission have reported that there is no proposal to increase the allocation under the Special Plan.

(d) & (e): The Special Plan for the KBK districts is prepared by the State Government/ District authorities, keeping in view the requirements of the region, and sent to the Planning Commission for approval.The priority areas for allocations under the Special Plan are, therefore, decided by the State Government.